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1. On 24 September 1948 there was a meeting of high-level Portuguese communists in the rua da Cidade de Cardiff 41, Lisbon. Among those present were Manuel GUEDES, Joaquim Pires JORGE (both members of the Central Committee), Gregorio da SILVA (one of Dr. Alvaro CUNHAL's closest associates), Prof. Herculano NUNES (not further identified) and Arnaldo ARAUJO (representative of the printers' organization), Arlinto de SOUSA (representative of the bill collectors' organization), and Valerio da CRUZ (representative of the stevedores' organization).
2. A prepared speech was read at the meeting by Manuel GUEDES, the substance of which was as follows:

"The present moment is for our beloved Party the gravest in its whole existence. Internationally we are in danger because capitalist reaction has already realized our power and what we are capable of realizing. Nationally we are in danger because the Portuguese dictator has now entered the service of the American capitalists - air bases, sea bases, land bases - both in continental Portugal and the colonies.

"Now that very shortly a large group of American officials - naval technicians, air technicians, and among them trained operatives of the secret services - are due to arrive in Portugal, we must be careful, because the latter are coming to set up a service for the repression of communism. Consequently, comrades, we still have a big fight before us, since we now have against us, in addition to SALAZAR's police, American gold and its counter-espionage mechanism.

"We also have to face the offensive of the Spanish police, in combination with the Portuguese police, since shortly General FRANCO will sign with SALAZAR a secret pact of political defense between the two States, for internal and external defense against us communists. We have to organize better and be more careful, since we are going to fight the American, Spanish, and Portuguese police, always remembering that we are far from our beloved mother

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and that in case of war our role will be one of the most important and valiant. Our struggle will be one of great sacrifice, but so much the better to serve our beloved Party well.

"In the future we shall have to gather all information about what our enemy is thinking, and what tricks he plans to use; for that reason we must watch all sections of the American Embassy and Consulate, as well as Pan American and everything which the Americans are doing. We must watch all Portuguese who have contacts with Americans, either commercially or personally. We must watch night clubs and casinos and try to make use of the women who frequent those places."

3. Joaquim Pires JORGE then said that two cells had been set up and were ready to start operating in night clubs and casinos. He expected to have a report on this phase of the activity very soon, and, judging by what he had already spent on the operation, it was going to be an expensive undertaking.
4. Gregorio da SILVA, when the discussion turned to finances, remarked that in the future, everything would be better because the budget for the Portuguese section had been increased.

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